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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



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DECEMBER 7, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY

WORSHIP FULLY
CELEBRATE GROWTH

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**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

December 7, 2025

Notes for Today's Services

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the livestream on the website templelutheran.org.

Because this is a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

HOLY COMMUNION - We welcome **ALL** to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Children are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion or to come forward and receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

OFFERING - During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

For more information about Temple Lutheran, visit our website or use this QR Code.



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3:1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Need to contact the Pastor?

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,

by calling (610) 446-3270

or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org

Emergency Phone Number (516)592-0412



WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

Welcome to Temple Lutheran Church of Havertown.

You are not alone.

Each of us is a child of God, made in the image of God. Together, we create a diverse community of people who strive to share the love of Christ and to do God's work in the world. Jesus imposed no restrictions on who He welcomed at His table and neither do we.

Temple Lutheran Church commits to anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-genderism, anti-classism, and anti-ableism because of our love of Jesus Christ and his work in our world.

We are a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, which extends hospitality, support, encouragement, and full participation to all children of God who seek to join us in doing God's work.



These are our core values, our mission, and our vision:

Core Values: Inclusion, Community, Service

Mission: Welcome Unconditionally, Worship Fully, Live Generously, and Celebrate Growth

Vision: Transforming Church, Our Neighborhood, and God's World in the name of Jesus.

COOKIES, COCKTAILS, and KARAOKE!

December 20th, 6 pm


and TEMPLE LUTHERAN



**Cookies,
Cocktails,
and Karaoke**

Saturday, December 20th at 6pm



Join us for this free, family-friendly community event! Enjoy cookie decorating, karaoke, and refreshments. Bring a Christmas treat or appetizer to share if you'd like.



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WORSHIP FULLY



A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December 20th

4:30 PM Dress Rehearsal

December 21st

10:00 AM Pageant

The rehearsals have started! Parents: please try to attend each Sunday for the children to learn the songs and work on

lines. Extra help at home with lines and songs is appreciated! There will be a Pageant Dress Rehearsal from 4:30-6 pm on Saturday, December 20th, followed by our annual Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke!



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
December 24

Children's Service 4:00 PM

Handbell Prelude 7:15 PM

Candlelit Worship 7:30 PM

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with us! Our 4:00 pm Children's Service invites families to rejoice together as children receive a piece of the nativity and help build

the scene throughout the service. Our 7:30 pm Candlelit Service (with a Handbell Prelude at 7:15 pm) offers a beautiful, reflective evening with communion. All are welcome.

POINSETTIAS

Help brighten our sanctuary for Christmas Eve with poinsettias! You can place an order by filling out the bulletin insert (\$8) or by visiting templelutheran.org/poinsettias (\$8.50). Please remember to indicate whether your gift is in honor or in memory of someone, and include their name.

Orders are due by **December 14.**





CONFIRMATION CLASS **December 21, 5:30-7:30 pm** **Dinner included**

Confirmation Class meets every 3rd
Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm.

MUSIC MINISTRIES



If you sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to share your talents with Temple Lutheran Church! Chancel Choir rehearses on Sundays, and Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Tuesdays! Please email our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, at music@templelutheran.org.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP



Meets every other Monday
12/8, 12/22, etc. @ 7 pm

TLC's Spiritual Direction Group offers a welcoming space to listen, share, and grow in faith together.

New faces welcome anytime!

Questions? Rob Mannix @ robmannix@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY



Every other Monday
12/15, 12/29, etc. from 7 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room

Come as you are and grow in faith with friends. Each week, we explore scripture together, ask questions, and discover how God's Word connects with our daily lives. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been part of many, there's a place for you at the table!

ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ



Sundays at 9 AM

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Café for Sunday Adult Education. Each week we'll gather for conversation, learning, and reflection. All are welcome!



LIVE GENEROUSLY



CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Take a bag from the narthex, fill it, and bring it back to church by **December 7** to be delivered to women at Chester Eastside Ministries in time for Christmas.

Inside each bag is a list of toiletries and examples of items to fill.



FAIR ACRES GERIATRIC CENTER

Gifts are due **Dec. 7th** for blessing during worship and delivery to Fair Acres. Please follow the instructions included in your envelope.



ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT - HELPING CALVIN HEAL

Join us as we honor Calvin and his 32+ years of dedicated service to our Temple Lutheran family. Help decorate our generosity Christmas tree with Calvin's signature straw hats in gratitude for the countless tasks Calvin tended to as our sexton. Your gift will assist Calvin in his recovery and can be used however best supports his needs. Thank you for helping us celebrate a legacy built on kindness, craftsmanship, and faithful care.

SAVE THE DATE: January 11th, we will celebrate Calvin's 32+ years at TLC at worship with a luncheon after!

BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE



Through January

Help us share warmth this winter!

Please bring freshly laundered blankets and coats you no longer need. Your generosity will make a big difference for neighbors in need.

TLC FOOD PANTRY



Saturday, December 27, 1-2:30 pm

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4th Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 pm.

Needs: Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Fruit/Applesauce (Cans or Plastic), Canned

Chicken and Tuna, Snack Items, Veggies, and Soup

no glass or expired items

Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** if interested in being part of this ministry. Monetary donations may be made by cash, check, or through PayPal at templelutheran.org/tlcfoodpantry. Please make note of TLC Food Pantry when giving by cash or check.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 26, 2-7 pm

Fellowship Hall

Sign up to give blood on January 26th in Fellowship Hall. Follow the signs to enter the doors to Café on Earlington Rd.

Contact Kristy Burko [at](mailto:kmburko@gmail.com)

kmburko@gmail.com or

Larry Passmore, LarryPassmore@gmail.com, for more information.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

LIFE CENTER MEAL



January 13

Every 2nd Tuesday of each odd month, we deliver and serve a meal to residents at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Our next date will be in January, so sign up and let us know how you want to help. Thank you for your generosity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eaaae28a3fe3-life27>



CELEBRATE GROWTH



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who was able to worship with us on Consecration Sunday! We continue to welcome estimate of giving cards for 2026 which help us to plan our annual budget for the Annual meeting (Jan. 25) vote.



TL4C YOUTH GROUP

Meetings in December

@ Temple Lutheran Church, 5:30 pm

December 7 - Middle Schoolers

(1st Sunday of each month)

December 14 - High Schoolers

(2nd Sunday of each month)

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate in TL4C. Led by Temple's Youth Minister Jenn Pruski, youth get together to build faith through service projects, games, dinners, and fun!

Email Jenn Pruski @ TL4CYouthLeader@gmail.com for more info!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

TL4C Babysitting

@ Trinity Lutheran

1141 West Chester Pike,
Havertown

Friday, December 12th

6-9 pm, Ages 3+

\$10 child / \$20 family

Register today for the youth of Temple and Trinity to play games, make crafts, and have fun with your kids while you get a break, run errands, or grab an adult dinner!

Register by emailing Jenn Pruski at

TL4CYouthleader@gmail.com,

through the link in Temple Connections email, QR Code on flyer, or at templelutheran.org/TL4C.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paula Andrade, Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Joan Clarke, Linda Cohen, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnelly, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgess-Oler, Kelly Gallagher, Michael Gallagher Jr., Susan Gallagher and family, Roger Gasper, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Florence Homer, Clay Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Em Johnston, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Calvin Lawler, Jean Long, Lori Lutz, Madison Lynn, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Tricia McGee, Wayne Meider, family and friends of Rev. Michael Merkel, Lino Mescia, Cadence Monroe, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Tonya Parker, family and friends of Phyllis Rascoe, Pat Rhodes, Jeanne Santarsiero, Vivi Shea, family and friends of Tom Shiffer, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Phil Strybuc, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke, and Chloe Gorby Zarko.

GIVING TO TEMPLE

and God's world. Your contributions drastically affect the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute regularly to TLC's Mission:

- Mail a check to the church office, 501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman
- Questions? Contact [Celia Engman](#)
- Use this [PayPal link](#) or QR Code

Give Through PayPal



CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Direction Group (12/8, 12/22, etc.)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (12/15, 12/29, etc.)
Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	The Oakmont Group [AA Meeting]
Fridays	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Adult Café
	8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	7	TL4C Middle School
	8, 22	Spiritual Direction Group
	12	TL4C Parents' Night Out
	14	TL4C High School
	15, 29	Bible Study
	20	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:30 PM
	20	Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6 PM
	21	Christmas Pageant 10 AM
	21	Confirmation Class
	24	Christmas Eve Worship 4 & 7:30 PM
	25	Christmas Day!
	27	TLC Food Pantry Service Day
January	11	Celebrating Calvin @ Worship and Luncheon

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Bernie Toth
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Youth Minister	Jennifer Pruski
Custodian	Delaney Mannion



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